



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **Enforcement Detail**

On Sunday, April 20, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety conducted a special enforcement detail on State Route 82 near the town of Sonoita. The special enforcement detail was developed in response to complaints received from Sonoita area residents who were concerned about the unsafe driving behavior of motorists traveling through the Sonoita area. The complaints mainly focused on the high speeds, unsafe passing and other moving violations.

Two Sergeants and six Officers from the two Highway Patrol Districts worked the detail from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The following were the results of the special enforcement detail:

<b>Total Traffic Stops:</b>	<b>70</b>
Stops for Violation of Speed	57
Stops for Other Moving Violations	13
(to include unsafe lane use, following too close, impeding traffic)	

The highest speed stopped was a motorcyclist doing 102 mph in the posted 65 mph zone.

This particular enforcement detail is literally one of hundreds that are developed and conducted by DPS Officers statewide in response to complaints from motorists, area residents, evaluation of collision causing data, D.U.I. involved collisions and incidents along with fatalities and serious injury resulting from not wearing safety restraints.

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